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Davis Awards \$500,000 Grant to Bargersville for Storm Water Improvements

INDIANAPOLIS—Lt. Gov. Kathy Davis today awarded a \$500,000 Community Focus Fund grant to Bargersville in Johnson County for upgrading and improving the storm water system.

Over the past seven years, the town of Bargersville has been experiencing widespread drainage problems. Past efforts and investments in certain parts of the problem have failed to correct it. The Community Focus Fund (CFF) grant allows Bargersville to develop a storm water drainage master plan for the entire town.

"The state of Indiana congratulates the town of Bargersville for doing its part to enhance the quality of life for its residents by alleviating drainage problems and creating a storm water master plan," said Davis, who serves as the director of the Indiana Department of Commerce. "These awards benefit individuals and communities alike and contribute to our state's overall growth."

The proposed project includes replacement of the existing storm sewers and a new trunk line sewer providing drainage for more than 50 acres, including the downtown area. Approximately 8,000 feet of new storm sewers, 40 inlets and 20 manholes will be installed along the route.

The Community Focus Fund is a federally funded grant program administered by the Indiana Department of Commerce. The funding is available to small cities, towns and counties for construction projects designed to benefit low- to moderate-income individuals or to eliminate blight in communities. Grants are awarded through competitive funding rounds to assist small communities in long-term development projects.

Projects eligible for CFF grants include local infrastructure improvements, childcare facilities, senior and community centers, downtown revitalization and fire stations and fire trucks. Up to \$500,000 is available per applicant. A match of at least 10 percent is required from the grant recipient.

In this, the second round of funding for 2004, 37 Hoosier communities shared in nearly \$15 million in funding.

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For more information about the CFF grant program, contact the Office of Community Assistance in the Community Development Division of the Indiana Department of Commerce at 800.824.2476 or access its Web site at www.indianacommerce.com.

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